

1,000 Face Loss Of P. S. C. Jobs As Board Meets

City Must Grant Appropriation To-morrow or Throw Transit Men Out of Work; Requisition for \$557,060

Construction Endangered

Whitney Declares Hylan and Craig Throttle All Initiative in Departments

The Board of Estimate at its meeting to-morrow will have to choose between making an appropriation sufficient to pay salaries of the rapid transit employees of the Public Service Commission or throw 1,000 or more men out of employment. If the latter alternative is taken all construction work will have to be stopped.

There has been before the Estimate board since the beginning of the month a requisition for \$557,060 to pay the expenses of the commission for the second quarter of the year. As the board so far has taken no action, they must decide to vote one way or another to-morrow. No vote at all would have the same effect as denial of the request in that the employees of the commission would have to be given their "notice."

Situation Has a Precedent

A similar situation was created at the beginning of the year when, in appropriating funds for the use of the commission, the board lopped off enough salary requests to throw 400 men out of work. It took a month and an appeal to Governor Smith to secure an appropriation sufficient to permit the return of the men, although one branch of the work is still without funds.

When the appropriation for the commission was made on December 30 last it was decided to vote money for certain expenses during the first quarter of the year, only so the commission would have to come before the board again to get funds for the second quarter. When the second quarter's budget was sent to the board, the commission suggested a conference to discuss the details.

No conference has taken place. Neither has the board given its intention to participate in one. The board likewise has signed no official notice that action will be taken to-morrow.

The do-nothing policy of the Board of Estimate upon every matter of importance constitutes such misconduct in public office that it should have the immediate attention of the Governor and of the Legislature, declared Travis H. Whitney, acting chairman of the commission, last night. "Governor Smith the other day said that this was a government of laws and not of men."

Charges Initiative Is Throttled

"Yet in New York City it is actually true that government is no longer one of laws but of men—two men—Hylan and Craig. They have throttled the initiative of every city department, have blocked every plan of development so far proposed, and have halted the progress of rapid transit construction."

"Here is work that will give employment to thousands of men and will provide additional facilities, so much needed. Yet, with calculated deliberation, they so have withheld action on rapid transit matters as to have added at least six months' delay in completion of the work and to have demoralized the engineering and other technical forces in charge."

The Commissioner remarked that the Legislature, instead of deciding to take the initiative, should give its attention to the breakdown of the present form of government in this city. Continuing, he said:

"I may be that, as Mayor Hylan has now been welcomed home again, he may be sufficiently wearied of the plaudits of the populace to give serious attention to the affairs of the city."

Soldiers Anxious About Jobs

"He may be interested in the fact that in the 27th Division there are about twenty employees of the commission, all of whom have been in to see about their jobs which, of course, are dependent upon action by the Board of Estimate. In addition there are about forty other employees in other military units near the city awaiting discharge, who are also interested in their jobs more in the parade."

Mr. Whitney added that virtually every department of the city is at a

standstill because every matter requiring the approval of the Board of Estimate is referred to Controller Craig, who never reports on it in time. The Commissioner also spoke of the "ban of silence" placed on city department heads, whereas the commission has been able to place its difficulties before the public.

"To extend the censorship and to silence official critics," he went on, "Hylan and Craig are expecting that the Legislature will legislate the Public Service Commission out of office. Then appropriations can be increased, contractors' claims settled without offensive publicity and new contracts let, provided the new Rapid Transit Commissioner is sufficiently subservient."

"If the entire working season is not to be lost; if unemployment is not to be increased; if transit facilities and benefits are not to be postponed, then there is real need of legislative investigation and of real legislation that will compel action."

Provision Made For Needs Up to April 1

Arrangements have been completed for taking care of the pressing cash requirements of the railroad companies up to April 1, estimated at from \$700,000 to \$750,000. This announcement was made here yesterday by Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific Railway and chairman of the committee of railroad executives cooperating with the railroad administration in handling the financial situation created by the failure of the last Congress to replenish the railroad revolving fund.

"The Director General of Railroads," said Mr. Elliott, "will issue certificates of indebtedness to the government to various railroad companies needing money to meet requirements on April 1. The War Finance Corporation will make loans upon these certificates as collateral up to 80 per cent of their face value."

Warden Moyer Announces That He Has Resigned

Head of Sing Sing Prison Says He Will Leave There On April 15

Special Correspondence

OSSENING, March 26.—William H. Moyer, for over two years warden of Sing Sing, in an interview to-day confirmed a report that he has resigned and gave as his reason that he desired to give Superintendent of Prisons Charles F. Rattigan a free hand to name his own wardens.

Prison reformers, led by Thomas Mott Osborne, former warden who enthusiastically supported Governor Smith in the last election, for he declared in favor of liberal prison management, are exerting pressure upon the Albany officials to have an out-and-out prison reformer appointed.

"I believe the Superintendent of Prisons should have a free hand," said Mr. Moyer, "to name his own wardens. No I informed him on February 18 that he could accept my resignation any time. He wrote me March 20, saying he had decided to have it take effect April 15."

Rattigan Says He Has No Word From Moyer

Staff Correspondence

ALBANY, March 26.—Charles F. Rattigan, Superintendent of Prisons, said to-day he had not yet received the resignation of William H. Moyer, warden of Sing Sing Prison.

"I expect the resignation any minute," said Superintendent Rattigan, "but I shall not act on it until Tuesday of Wednesday of next week. I have not yet decided on a successor to Mr. Moyer, although I am considering several applicants for the place."

Dinner Late; Butler Had Hanged Himself

After waiting almost an hour for his butler to serve the family dinner last night, Charles McAlpin, a real estate man, of 520 Fifth Avenue, investigated to ascertain the cause of the delay. Suspended by a clothesline thrown over the bottom of the transom frame in the kitchen, was the body of the butler, Frederick Wood, aged forty-five, was found.

John O'Connell, superintendent of the building, who used a pass key to enter the room, telephoned for an ambulance. A surgeon from the Flower Hospital pronounced Wood dead. He had stood on a chair with the rope around his neck and fastened it above the door, and had then kicked the chair from under him.

Even Bad Whiskey Worth Price, Decides Jury

ORANGE, N. J., March 26.—Whether whiskey sold by Rudolph Heller, of 209 Plane Street, Newark, was all that Heller claimed it to be, or whether it was only "70 per cent proof, deficient in quality and unfit for sale," as contended by Harry Kurtz, a saloonkeeper at High and Warren streets, Newark, who purchased it from Heller, was put to a jury in the East Orange District Court.

They solved the question by taking a bottle of the whiskey into the jury room with a dozen glasses, and a half hour later returned with a verdict favoring Heller, who had sued Kurtz to recover \$93.46 on a book account. The verdict announced the "booze was not all it should be, but it was worth every cent that Kurtz had paid for it."

Several witnesses testified the whiskey in court and one of them declared it had a sweet taste but could be used for rum punch.

Police Inspector Morris Is Reduced to Captaincy

Enright swung the axe which he last used on Costigan, again yesterday. As a result, Inspector Frank A. Morris of the Fifth District will henceforth be known as captain in charge of the Richmond Hill precinct. He takes the place of Captain John Barnes, who died while on duty at the 27th parade on Tuesday. No successor to Morris has been named and for the present Inspector Thomas V. Underhill, in command of the Bureau of National Defence, will also have charge of the 5th Inspection District. The transfer of Morris became effective at 4 yesterday afternoon.

If Morris had remained an inspector a few months longer, he might have retired on an inspector's pension. No explanation for his reduction was forthcoming at headquarters, Commissioner Fitch sending word to reporters that he had nothing to say.

Morris joined the force in 1885. He became a sergeant in 1895, a lieutenant in 1906, a captain in 1909 and inspector in August 2, 1914. He lives in West 151st Street.

Confident of Seeing Missing Child, Mrs. Thorne Dejected When Writ Fails

Joel, Jr., Not at Grandmother's Home During Parade, Say Affidavits of Uncle and Butler

Mother's Hopes Dashed

Still Believes That She Saw the Boy in a Window of the Fifth Avenue Home



Mrs. Mary Casey Thorne and Her Son, Joel W., Jr.

Mrs. Mary Casey Thorne, though positive she saw her four-year-old son, Joel W. Thorne, Jr., on Tuesday watching the 27th Division parade from a window in the home of his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Samuel Thorne, at 914 Fifth Avenue, received a setback in court yesterday.

It was the first glimpse the distracted mother has had of Joel, Jr., since last September, when a nurse took him for a walk and never brought him back. The mother, believing that her son was at the home of his grandmother, went to Central Park Tuesday accompanied by her lawyer, Randolph A. Gerard, and two friends, and believes she saw her son through a pair of opera glasses. She was overcome with emotion and fainted. While she and her friends took seats in the parade stand, Mr. Gerard crossed to the Thorne residence, where he made an unsuccessful effort to see Mrs. Thorne, grandmother of the child.

The next move was to obtain a writ of habeas corpus, directing the production of the boy in court yesterday. Joel, Jr., was not present when Justice Cahalan called the case, but Albert Stickney was there as attorney for the boy's grandmother and, supported by affidavits, one by an uncle of the boy and another by a butler, asserted the missing boy was not with his grandmother.

Mrs. Thorne, the mother, who thought she had her child within her grasp, was much distressed but still certain she could not have made a mistake.

"I saw my boy," she said, "and I

think if a mother knows anything, she knows her own child. I saw him so plainly and recognized even the coat he wore as one I had purchased for him before he was kidnapped."

Mr. Stickney complained to Justice Cahalan about the manner in which the writ was served on Mrs. Thorne.

He said when a butler refused to notify Mrs. Thorne that Mr. Gerard wanted to serve her, the lawyer tried to force his way to the second door where she was. Justice Cahalan reserved decision on the writ. Since they have been separated Mr. Thorne has been paying his wife \$150 a month.

70 Years Married, Crossman Talks of Love and Politics

"Kiss More, Have Families and Elect Republican Presidents," Says Veteran — Looks to Anniversary

Special Correspondence

NORWALK, Conn., March 25.—It's love that makes the world go round, but it's Republican Presidents that make it revolve smoothly. Captain Joseph P. Crossman says so, and he ought to know, for to-day the captain, who is ninety-three, spoke from the store of wisdom gained by seventy years of wedded life.

"Kiss more, have families and elect Republican Presidents," advised one-half of the oldest married couple in the state, and added that this recipe was a panacea for most of the ills of this world.

But then, you see, the captain asserts that he and his wife have the old-fashioned love.

"That," he explained, "grows stronger and better with age. It is like old wine. I love Mother just seventy times as well as when we were married on March 25, 1849."

Very gently he kissed the woman who sat beside him.

Division and Multiplication

"These days," he continued, "people seem to want to divide their love year

by year rather than multiply it. That is the way it seems to me, from the business that the lawyers and courts do."

Captain Crossman is as strong as a well preserved man of sixty. Last year he worked his own garden and to-day had a calculating eye fixed on his fruit trees. "I'll have to climb them in a day or so and cut away the suckers," he predicted.

Mrs. Crossman, who seventy years ago was Miss Antoinette Jennings, is eighty-seven. For the last few months she has been ailing, but she retains all her faculties and is rapidly recovering her health.

There have been bumps and jolts on the Crossmans' road of matrimony. Both of them admit that. Quarrels? Why, there have been hundreds of them!

Like Summer Storms

"Who hasn't had 'em?" the captain demanded. "Quarrels are like thunderstorms. They come generally when the weather is hot. There is a lot of noise and blowing, and after they have cleared away everything is fresher and better for 'em."

One other thing, the captain insists, is essential to wedded happiness—babies, and the more the better.

"That's the tie that binds and not the piece of paper the dominie gives you," he asserted.

The Crossmans are looking forward to the celebration of their diamond wedding.

"But I hope nobody sends us diamonds," said the captain. "Nettie'd rather have her wedding ring, and all the gold in the Klondike."

Captain Crossman served as a lieutenant with the 12th Connecticut Infantry throughout the Civil War. He was in fifteen battles and was wounded several times. He was the title of captain not on the battlefield, but following the sea.

Byoir to Educate United States on Lithuania's Cause

Former Member of Creel's Staff Employed to Spread Story of Ambitions of Nation Among Americans

Carl Byoir, until recently associate chairman of the committee on public information, has been appointed official adviser of the Lithuanian Provisional Government and of the Lithuanian National Council, with about 70,000 members in the United States.

This was announced yesterday by the council, which said that Mr. Byoir's duties would be to bring at once the cause and the ambitions of the new Lithuanian nation of 6,000,000 before the American public.

Professor A. Valdemar, prime minister of Lithuania, in a letter to the council here, says in part:

"I have just come from Lithuania to Paris. I would myself come to America, but every call of duty keeps me here. Your suffering brothers in a land devastated by four years of war look to you in America with eyes filled with hope. I could not call you to a higher trust."

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Crimson-Stained Clothing Exhibit In Wilkins Case

Pepper-and-Salt Suit Said to Have Been Taken to Tailor To Be Cleaned Three Days After Tragedy

From a Staff Correspondent

MINEOLA, L. I., March 26.—A crimson stained pepper-and-salt sack suit which Dr. Walter K. Wilkins is alleged to have taken to a Manhattan tailor to have cleaned a few days after the murder of his wife at Long Beach will be one of the prosecution's exhibits when the physician is placed on trial.

This new phase of the case was revealed to-day by District Attorney Weeks. He said that five tailors from New York swore that the garments were blood stained. This was on March 3, four days after Mrs. Wilkins was slain. The authorities point out that Dr. Wilkins, since his arrest, has frequently said he wore a black cut-away vest and gray trousers on the night of the tragedy.

According to the authorities, on the night of March 2 Dr. Wilkins went to the tailor shop of Jacob Jacobson, at Sixty-sixth Street and Broadway, with two bundles. One contained a pepper-and-salt suit and the other a pair of trousers. Jacobson discovered blood marks on the suit, and sent it to L. Blau, a cleaner, at 151 Avenue C.

Blau, with three men in his employ, came to Mineola to-day and told Mr. Weeks about the stains. They said even the inside pockets were stained. Jacobson said he had been doing work for Dr. Wilkins for some time. Knowing he was a physician, his suspicions were not aroused by the blood stains. He said he thought Dr. Wilkins had been working on a surgical case.

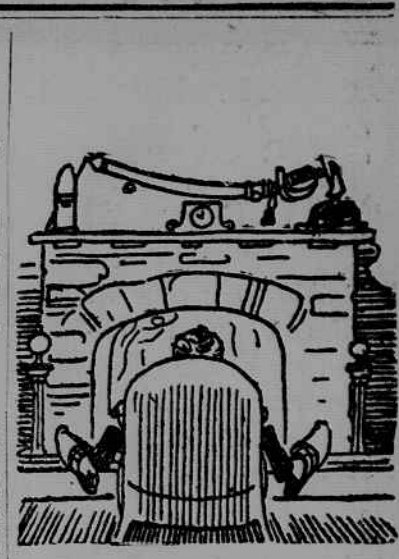
The tailor was taken to the jail, where he identified Dr. Wilkins as the man who brought him the suit. The physician denied the assertion of Jacobson. He stood by Charles Wyson, his attorney, he sent for immediately.

Drop Valera Welcome

DUBLIN, March 26.—The executive committee of the Sinn Fein party issued an official statement Tuesday night announcing that the public reception planned for Professor Edward de Valera, who had been in an English prison for some time and who escaped February 4, has been abandoned.

The statement explained that Professor de Valera had sent word to the committee that he did not believe a reception for him would justify risking the lives of citizens of Dublin.

It was announced on March 23 that the Sinn Fein party of Ireland would offer Professor de Valera a national welcome on Wednesday evening, March 26, when he is expected to arrive in Dublin. On Monday of this week a proclamation was issued at Dublin by the British government forbidding meetings and processions there on the date of Professor de Valera's arrival. A Dublin dispatch received on Tuesday stated that there was some military activity in the city and that armored cars have been landed from British steamers.



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